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FM AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

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SUBJ: VIOLATION INVOLVING TS/CRYPTO MATERIAL

REF STATE 038535

FOR OC/S AND RCO/ARA FROM CRO

1. THE FOLLOWING CLARIFYING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED BY C&R
ALONG WITH QUOTED PORTIONS FROM THE RSO'S REPORT COVERING THE
ABOVE SUBJECT:

A. SUBJECT CLASSIFIED POUCH DID CONTAIN TOPSECRET CRYPTO KEYING
MATERIAL ADDRESSED FROM DEPT TO AMCONSUL MEDELLIN.

B. WITH REF TO S/KAG-1B 11003, PART III, A: THERE WAS NO LOSS,
COMPROMISE, ETC, THIS IN THE OPINION OF THE RSO, C&R AND MS O'NEILL.
THUS THE INCIDENT WAS NOT REPORTED VIA CABLE, ALSO C&R KNEW
THAT THE INVESTIGATION WAS PROCEEDING THROUGH SY CHANNELS.

C. FROM POST SY REPORT:

QUOTE SHE WAS SURPRISED AT THE QUICKNESS WITH WHICH THE DRIVER
ARRIVED AND WHEN HE PRESENTED HER WITH THE POUCH SHE IMMEDIATELY
INSPECTED IT IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF THE BAG, SEAL, ETC.
HAD BEEN DISTURBED. MS O'NEILL STATED THAT NOTHING APPEARED TO
BE DISTURBED AND EVERYTHING WAS IN ORDER. UNQUOTE.

D. SUBJECT POUCH HAD BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE MSG BY C&R AT END
OF WORK DAY. MS O'NEILL WAS TO HAVE PICKED UP POUCH FROM MSG
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FOLLOWING MORNING AROUND 0715. MSG HAS A SAFE AT MSG DESK FOR

OVERNIGHT SECURE STORAGE OF SUCH POUCHES WHENEVER A NON-PRO COURIER MUST TAKE AN EARLY FLIGHT TO THE CONSULATES. THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE PROCEDURE IN PAST YEARS. UNFORTUNATELY ON THIS ONE OCCASION THE MSG TURNED OVER THE CLASSIFIED POUCH TO AN EMBASSY LOCAL DRIVER. THE MSG WAS GIVEN A VIOLATION ACCORDINGLY.

E. MSG INSTRUCTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE SENTRIES ON POST WILL RECORD INFORMATION CONCERNING CLASSIFIED A/O ADMINISTRATIVELY CONTROLLED MATERIAL LEFT WITH THE SENTRY FOR SAFE-KEEPING. THIS INCLUDES CLASSIFIED POUCHES. TOP SECRET MATERIAL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. THE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER WILL BE NOTIFIED AND REQUESTED TO ACCEPT DELIVERY OF TOP SECRET MATERIAL. UNQUOTE.

QUOTE (1) DATE AND TIME THE MATERIAL WAS RECEIVED. (2) FROM WHOM RECEIVED. (3) SIGNATURE OF SENTRY RECEIVING MATERIAL. (4) CLASSIFICATION OF MATERIAL. (5) FULL IDENTIFICATION OF ADDRESSEE OR INSTRUCTIONS FOR DELIVERY. (6) DATE AND TIME DELIVERED TO ADDRESSEE. (7) SIGNATURE OF PERSON RECEIVING MATERIAL. UNQUOTE

2. PURSUANT TO THE ALLEGED VIOLATION, CRO HAS AGREED TO RSO'S INSTRUCTIONS THAT NO CLASSIFIED POUCHES WILL BE LEFT WITH THE MSG AT ANYTIME DAY OR NIGHT, THAT C&R DUTY COMMUNICATOR WILL PERSONALLY HANDLE ALL CLASSIFIED POUCHES IN AND OUT OF BOGOTA AND THIS INCLUDES PROFESSIONAL COURIERS AS WELL AS NON-PROFESSIONAL. EVEN THOUGH THIS INVOLVES ADDITIONAL OVERTIME AND WORKLOAD ON PART OF C&R, IT IS FELT THAT THERE IS NO OTHER WAY TO ELIMINATE A POSSIBLE RECURRENCE OF OR SIMILAR PROBLEM IN FUTURE.

3. IF FURTHER INFORMATION IS REQUIRED PLEASE ADVISE. VAKY

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